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SUBJECT: FONOFF NOTE RE LOCAL STAFF HIRING AND LEASES

1. GOSL MINISTRY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SEPT 19 SENT CIRCULAR NOTE TO ALL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS STATING IT THE "DESIRE" OF GOSL THAT WRITTEN CLEARANCE "SHOULD BE OBTAINED" FROM MINISTRY BEFORE ANY LOCAL EMPLOYEE RECRUITED. NOTE ALSO STATES THAT BEFORE ANY PROPERTY "ACQUIRED, LEASED OR RENTED" BY DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS "SPECIFIC CLEARANCE SHOULD ALSO BE OBTAINED" FROM MINISTRY. NOTE STATES THAT PRESIDENT STEVENS WISHES IT POINTED OUT THAT THESE "DIRECTIVES" NOT ONLY OF "PARAMOUNT NECESSITY" IN SAFEGUARDING NATIONAL INTERESTS AND SECURITY BUT ALSO "INTENDED TO SAFEGUARD INTERESTS AND IMAGES" OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS THEMSELVES.

2. NOTE APPARENTLY AN OUTGROWTH OF GOSL CONCERN FOR INTERNAL SECURITY STEMMING FROM INFORMATION DEVELOPED IN COURSE OF INVESTIGATION INTO COUP PLOT. TESTIMONY IN TRIAL OR OTHER INFORMATION DEVELOPED IN INVESTIGATION (SEE FREETOWN 1813) HAS LINKED LOCAL EMPLOYEES OR CONTRACTORS OF US AND GERMAN EMBASSIES WITH PLOTTERS, MANY OF WHOM EX-SERVICEMEN. DURING MY CALL ON PRESIDENT STEVENS SEPT 17 (FREETOWN 1815)

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STEVENS NOTED SOME CONCERN AT CONCENTRATION OF EX-SERVICEMEN

IN GUARD FORCE OF DEVELOPMENT COMPANY OF SIERRA LEONE (DELCO) (IRON MINING FIRM) AND INDICATED HE INTENDED HAVE DELCO GUARD FORCE SHAKEN UP. GUARD FORCES HIRED BY OR CONTRACTED FOR (AS IN EMBASSY'S CASE) BY DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS GENERALLY ALSO COMPOSED PRINCIPALLY OF EX-SERVICEMEN. EMBASSY UNCERTAIN WHY PROPERTY PURCHASES AND LEASES ALSO OF CONCERN TO GOSL BUT SURMISES THAT GOVT MAY FEAR THAT RENTALS OF PROPERTY FROM OPPOSITION FIGURES MAY BE SOURCE OF FINANCING OF OPPOSITION ACTIVITIES. EMBASSY APARTMENTS, FOR EXAMPLE, ARE OWNED BY ALBERT MARGAI ESTATE AND MY RESIDENCE IS OWNED BY JUSU SHERIFF, FORMER LEADER OF SLPP OPPOSITION.

3. HAVE DISCUSSED EXTAFI NOTE WITH BRITISH, GERMAN, FRENCH AND ITALIAN COLLEAGUES AND WE HAVE AGREED FOR TIMEBEING TO IGNORE IT. GERMANY INITIALLY INCLINED TO PROTEST NOTE DIRECTLY AND VIGOROUSLY BUT BELIEVE WE HAVE CONVINCED HIM OF WISDOM OF WESTERN EMBASSIES AVOIDING CONFRONTATION. HAVE NO IDEA YET HOW AFRICAN MISSIONS REACTING TO NOTE, BUT IF DISCREET INQUIRY SHOWS THEY ALSO UPSET IT MAY BE POSSIBLE HAVE ACTING DEAN (NIGERIAN) EXPRESS CORPS' CONCERN.  
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